Delimitation of Assembly constituencies in Delhi

572. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Draft Proposals on the delimitation of the proposed Assembly constituencies in the Union Territory of Delhi are going to be made public soon; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission proposes to complete the different stages of work on the delimitation as per following schedule :—

(i) publication of the proposals for the delimitation in the Official Gazette together with notice inviting objections and suggestions .	26-5-1992
(ii) Last date for receipt of objections and suggestions . . .	16-6-1992
(iii) Completion of public hearings	10-7-1992
(iv) Publication of the Order in the Official Gazette . . .	1-8-1992

The above schedule is based on preliminary estimate of the work involved in dealing with all objections and suggestions, their number and nature, as are received by the specified date.

Election Commission's suggestions for the terms of Rajya Sabha Members

573. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Election Commission has sent any report about amending the law relating to the retirement of Rajya Sabha members once in two years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are taking action to resolve the difference between the constitution and the Representation of Peoples Act relating to the terms of Rajya Sabha Members ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission has proposed that the date of retirement of as nearly as may be one-third of members on the expiration of every second year may be permanently fixed and any member elected to fill a particular seat should retire on the specific date irrespective of the date of his election. Such fixation of dates should, however, apply in the case of members to be elected hereafter so that the term of office of the sitting members is not adversely affected in any case.

(c) The provision of a term of six years for a member of the Rajya Sabha except those elected against a casual vacancy, irrespective of the date of his election and its effect on the cycle of biennial retirement has been questioned in a Writ Petition before the Allahabad High Court and the matter is subjudice, therefore the proposal can be examined after the matter is decided by the court, since it involves legal issues.

Appointment of Judges in J and K

574. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE